

SAMANTHA REGISTER

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EDUCATION

University of Colorado – Boulder	Boulder, CO
Ph.D., Department of Political Science	Expected PhD Summer 2025
Concentration in American Politics and Research Methods	M.A. May 2022

Dissertation: “Exploring Political Parasocial Relationships in the Digital Age”

MA Thesis: “Does obsession with electability dissuade voters from supporting female candidates?”

University of Colorado – Denver	Denver, CO
M.A., Department of Political Science	December 2019

University of California, Irvine	Irvine, CA
B.A., Department of English	June 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political psychology, political communication, campaigns and elections, state and urban politics, gender and politics

PUBLICATIONS

Register, Samantha. 2024. “Red, Blue, and Going for Gold: Partisan Support for Olympic Host Bids.” *Urban Affairs Review*, 10780874241256301.

WORKING PAPERS

“Pantsuits and Pearls: Exploring news coverage of candidate appearance and gender” (Under Review)

“Who Claims Fraud? State Legislators’ Voter Fraud Claims in the 2020 Election” – With Srinivas Parinandi and Alexandra Siegel (Under Review)

“Who’s Engaging in Political Discussions on Social Media? Comparing the Effects of Self-Monitoring and Moral Certainty” (Under Review)

“Better Understanding the Political Dynamics of the God Gap.” – With Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Anand Sokhey, and Natalie Thacher

“The Partisan Dynamics of Electoral College Support” – With Anand Sokhey and Katie Glenn

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

“Understanding the Graduate Student Teaching Assistant (TA) Experience.” – Professors Sarah Sokhey and Megan Shannon Fall 2024-Spring 2025

“Throwing out Bums, Bunglers, and Bandits: Recall Elections in Local Politics” – Professors Kenneth Bickers and Lapo Salucci Summer 2023

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES

University of Colorado Boulder Division of Continuing Education, Online Teaching Academy Micro-Credential Course, 2025

University of Colorado Boulder Center for Teaching and Learning, Certificate in College Teaching, 2024

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, \$1200, 2024

CU Political Science Department Graduate Research Grant, \$1401, 2024

Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, \$800, 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado – Boulder	Boulder, CO
<i>Graduate Part Time Instructor, Department of Political Science</i>	August 2023 – Present
• PSCI 3011: The American Presidency and the Executive Branch	Fall 2023
• PSCI 3021: U.S. Campaigns and Elections (online asynchronous)	Summer 2024
• PSCI 4221: Political Psychology (online asynchronous)	Summer 2025

University of Colorado – Boulder	Boulder, CO
<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science</i>	August 2020 – Present
• PSCI 1101: Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022
• PSCI 2075: Quantitative Research Methods	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025

University of Colorado – Denver	Denver, CO
<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science</i>	August 2018-December 2019
• Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2019
• Women’s Rights: A Global Perspective	Fall 2018

PRESENTATIONS

“Home Style 2.0: Political Parasocial Relationships in the Digital Age”
“She Doesn’t Look Presidential: Analyzing Gendered Fashion in Politics.”
2024 APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition September 2024

“Does potential for public spending decrease support for Olympic host bids?”	
2024 Southern Political Science Association Conference	January 2024
“Who Claims Fraud? State Legislators’ Voter Fraud Claims in the 2020 Election.”	
2023 APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition	September 2023
“Insecure Majorities on Social Media: Exploring the relationship between competition and cross-party ties.”	
80 th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference	April 2023
“Who's Engaging in Political Discussions on Social Media? Comparing the Effects of Self-Monitoring and Moral Certainty”	
79 th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference	April 2022

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

[“Colorado Political Climate Survey 2024 Report.”](#) American Politics Research Lab Survey, University of Colorado Boulder, November 2024

[“A Public Affair Election Panel.”](#) KGNU Community Radio, August 2024

[“Study looks into politics behind hosting the Olympics.”](#) *9News Denver*, July 2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND DEPARTMENTAL POSITIONS

Committee on Graduate Student Engagement , APSA Women, Gender, and Politics	2025
Lead Department Fellow , Center for Teaching and Learning	2024-2025
President , Graduates in Political Science	2024-2025
Research Mentor , Institute of Behavioral Science STUDIO Lab	2024-2025
Methods Lab Coordinator , Department of Political Science	Fall 2024
Advisory Committee , Institute of Behavior Science STUDIO Lab	Fall 2024
Comprehensive Exams Student Liaison , Graduates in Political Science	2023-2024

REFERENCES

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